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SUBJ: LEGAL BASIS FOR POSSIBLE PRESIDENTIAL ACTION
ON US OIL IMPORTS

1. GERMAN FEDERAL CHANCELLORY OFFICIAL MENTIONED THAT HIS OFFICE WAS INTERESTED TO NOTE VARIOUS STATEMENTS IN PRESS OF POSSIBILITY OF IMPOSITION BY PRESIDENT CARTER OF TAX ON OIL IMPORTS, SHOULD CONGRESS FAIL TO ACT ON OIL PROVISION OF PRESIDENT'S ENERGY PACKAGE. HE ASKED WHAT SPECIFIC PROVISIONS IN US LAW WOULD PROVIDE BASIS FOR SUCH ACTION AND WHAT ROLE CONGRESS WOULD HAVE, IF ANY.

2. HE ALSO ASKED WHETHER ACTION WAS POSSIBLE UNDER SECTION 232 OF TRADE EXPANSION ACT OF 1962, AS AMENDED, AND WHETHER JUDICIAL QUESTION RAISED BY PRESIDENTIAL IMPOSITION OF \$2 PER BARREL SUPPLEMENTAL FEE ON IMPORTS OF CRUDE OIL AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS IN 1975 HAD BEEN RESOLVED.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S PROVIDING
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APPROPRIATE BACKGROUND PLUS SPECIFIC ANSWERS TO ABOVE
QUESTIONS IN FORM WE CAN RELAY TO CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE.
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